

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2537 - SB 2896

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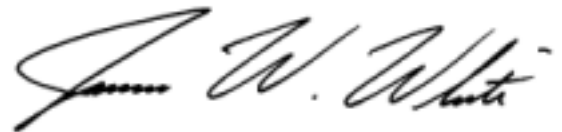
SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants the Board of Probation and Parole statutory authority to defer subsequent parole hearings for any period of time that the board deems necessary. The bill also provides that any rule, regulation or policy of the board that grants parole hearings to inmates on a regular, predetermined basis would be invalid. A recent decision by the Court of Appeals, *Baldwin v. Board of Probation and Parole*, held that the board's decision to decline parole consideration for another 20 years was arbitrary and capricious.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent that lack of regularly scheduled parole hearings reduces the total number of hearings, prisoners may be incarcerated for a longer period of time, therefore increasing state expenditures by a substantial amount. Likewise, there may be a not significant reduction in expenditures for conducting hearings before the Board.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director